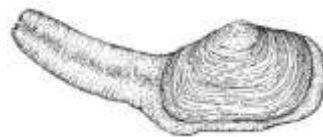

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The Vegas and Hotspur Islands area failed paralytic shellfish poison testing this week. **Therefore, there will be no Southeast Alaska geoduck clam fishery in Statistical Week 19 (May 6-May 12).**

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation paralytic shellfish poison test result was:

Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003) tested at 154µg/100g.

At an emergency meeting on Tuesday, May 8, SARDFA voted to suspend paralytic shellfish poison testing until after their regularly scheduled geoduck committee meeting on June 1, 2012. No further fishery openings are expected until paralytic shellfish poison testing resumes.

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